









# THE BIG BOOK OF RECORDS.

DEvised TO CONCEAL A FRAUD ON THE PUBLIC.

INSTANCES OF FAVORITISM.

Men That Oom Hendrick Favors Pay Taxes or Not, Just as They See Fit.

There are definite and explicit laws directing how taxes shall be paid, but they are not followed. Ziegenhein, who has a little system peculiarly his own based upon political favoritism and far removed from the ordinary rules of business and equity.

The book-keeping in the Collector's office defies description. Part of it is in the memory of the clerks and the remaining fragments appear on the books.

Two cases out of many will illustrate the methods prevailing in the Collector's office under Ziegenhein.

Some time ago the taxes were due on two lots, 2323 and 2324 North Taylor avenue. The then owner of the lots, Ziegenhein, went to the collector's office and paid the taxes. He then went to the collector's office and paid the taxes. He then went to the collector's office and paid the taxes.

The check, however, was not to be deposited in bank, because the owner of the lots had no money to cash it. Ziegenhein was to hold it until such time as the owner of the lots could get together enough money to take it up.

In other words, Ziegenhein took an unsecured due to the collector's office, and marked the taxes as paid.

A short time later the property was sold under a deed of trust, and before the sale the prospective purchasers had the title investigated. They found that the taxes were not paid, and the lots were acquired by the new owner under the impression that the taxes had been paid.

In the meantime the first owner, Ziegenhein, had been making a check good. He had been making a check good. He had been making a check good.

There is another system of making political capital which is indulged in by Ziegenhein. It is in the matter of interest and collect it along with the original amount of the bill. Many tax-payers knowing Ziegenhein's methods have waited until election time to pay up a lot of old tax bills which have accumulated interest from one year to another.

They go to the Collector, give him a pleasant talk and get him to knock off the interest.

The books in the Comptroller's office ought to show when the interest is paid. As the tax bills are paid they are released on the Comptroller's books for the exact amount of the bill.

For example, John Smith owes a \$75 tax bill and three months' interest. The bill and interest is marked paid on the Comptroller's record, but the interest does not appear. All the interest money is entered in lump sums on another account.

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## IN ZIEGENHEIN'S WARD.

Personal Appeals Made to Democrats in the Ozar's Behalf.

The Republicans are trying desperately to make a good showing for Ziegenhein in his own ward, the Ninth. They are frightened over the prospect of Meriwether carrying a large vote in the ward, and are trying to make a good showing for Ziegenhein in his own ward, the Ninth.

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## POLES FOR MERIWETHER.

The Fourth Ward Police Branch of the Workingmen's Bryan Club passed resolutions endorsing Lee Meriwether for Mayor, asking Gov. Harrison to remove Police Commissioners because of the part they took in the Democratic convention, asking Chairman Cook to resign, and asking the Committee again and claiming that recent endorsements of Harrison by the Police were contrary to the sentiment of the majority of that body.

Have Indorsed Harrison.

The Democratic Precinct Committee of the Ninth Ward desires it to be known that they have indorsed the Regular Harrison Democratic ticket. The impression had gone out for the ward that the Democratic primary election at the First voting precinct of the Seventh Ward, Minor Meriwether, father of Lee Meriwether, was the applicant for the ward, and that he was counted, and it was found that the precinct had given the Meriwether delegation 40 votes. Harrison was elected by a majority of 100 votes. The result was marked as follows:

## FRAUD AT THE PRIMARY.

Minor Meriwether Gets a Warrant Against M. F. Heib.

Michael F. Heib was charged in a warrant issued at 12:30 o'clock Monday with a violation of the primary election law.

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## BOYS STEAL A BUGGY.

They Try to Return It and Get Into Jail.

Harry Grossman, a 9-year-old boy, is the leader of a small gang of young hoodlums that have given the police of the Central and Fourth Districts trouble for a year.

Saturday Harry, and Harry Greenstein, Morris Ballinsky, Oscar Mills and Charles Thompson stole a buggy owned by C. H. Meyer, a well-known citizen of the city.

They were standing on the corner of Third and Pine streets, where they saw a man in a western portion of the city, then started to the Four Courts with the intention of turning the buggy over to the police and claiming 50 cents as a reward for restoring it to the owner.

They were arrested on the way down.

In the Police Court Monday Grossman was fined \$10, Greenstein, \$10, Ballinsky, \$10, Mills, \$10, and Thompson, \$10.

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## A DEMORALIZED FORCE.

Chief Harrigan Returns and Finds Several Men in Disgrace.

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## VETERAN POLICEMAN DEAD.

Frank Meyerster, Who Served 22 Years Without a Reprimand.

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## SUED FOR DIVORCE.

Dr. Potter the Center of Another Disagreeable Sensation.

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## Release of Sailor Ramsay.

LIMA, Peru, April 5.—Ramsay, the American sailor who was arrested at Callao on the charge of desertion from the U. S. S. Albatross, was subsequently sentenced to a year's imprisonment without legal trial as is provided for in article 15, and whose sentence was commuted last week to four months' imprisonment from Jan. 12 was released Saturday night by order of the Superior Court of Appeals.

## Shot Mother and Daughter.

KINCAID, Kan., April 5.—George Miller, recently released from custody from an insane asylum, called at the house of Mrs. Burke, to see one of her daughters. He was armed with a revolver, and when he saw the daughter, he shot her. He then shot his daughter-in-law, and then shot himself.

## A Doctor's Suicide.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 5.—Dr. J. H. Walton of Dubuque, Iowa, committed suicide yesterday in Lincoln Park, by severing his windpipe with a razor. He was walking with a cane, and was seen by a number of pedestrians, and while he was walking with a cane, he was seen by a number of pedestrians, and while he was walking with a cane, he was seen by a number of pedestrians.

## The Injunction Denied.

In the case of the Interstate Sand and Car Transfer Co. vs. the St. Louis Transfer Co., the court has denied the injunction requested by the Interstate Sand and Car Transfer Co. The court has denied the injunction requested by the Interstate Sand and Car Transfer Co.

## Gov. Stephens Going South.

Gov. Lon V. Stephens will arrive in St. Louis to-night on his way to Hot Springs, Ark. The Governor has been spending a day or two at Booneville, Mo., previous to taking his trip to the South.

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## APRIL GRAND JURY.

Judge Zachritz' Instructions Were Very Mild.

The April Grand Jury was impaneled in Judge Zachritz' division of the Criminal Court Monday morning.

There was nothing sensational in the Judge's instructions to the jury, contrary to general expectation. The Judge's instructions were very mild.

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## A POLITICAL DEAL.

Sterling P. Bond Helps a Republican to Qualify for Election.

Charles Gutke, the Regular Republican candidate for House of Delegates in the Eleventh Ward, filed a quitclaim deed in the Recorder's office Monday for a strip of ground 425 feet.

This is itself is not unusual, as candidates in St. Louis often qualify as real estate brokers. The deal, however, is notable because of the fact that the grantor is Sterling P. Bond, campaign manager for the Republican ticket.

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## RIOT AT BROOKLYN.

Negroes Denounce a Speaker and Chase Him From the Hall.

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